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Applicant: T. MITSUGI Conf.: 8311
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For: OBJECT DATA RETRIEVING DEVICE, OBJECT
DATA RETRIEVING METHOD, AND COMPUTER-
READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM CONTAINING
RECORDER DATA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

June 7, 2002

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) filed herewith, reconsideration of the rejection in the Office Action dated February 7, 2002, is respectfully requested in light of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 3 and 5 are amended as follows:

3. (Amended) A destination-of-travel object data search method comprising the steps of:

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retrieving one or a plurality of search words from a search criterion input in the form of a sentence of a natural language by analyzing the search criterion in accordance with a grammar of the natural language;